

## **Youth Crime Data Gathered for the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention**

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This document presents youth crime data gathered to assist the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention (SACJJD) with the development of the 2018-2020 State Plan for the Title II Formula Grant Program and fulfilling the youth crime analysis required for the grant program application. The application requires that the youth crime analysis include the following:

1. Juvenile arrests by offense type, gender, age, and race.
2. Number and characteristics (by offense type, gender, race, and age) of juveniles referred to juvenile court, a probation agency, or special intake unit for allegedly committing a delinquent or status offense.
3. Number of cases handled informally (nonpetitioned) and formally (petitioned) by gender, race, and type of disposition (e.g., diversion, probation, commitment, residential treatment).
4. Number of delinquent and status offenders admitted, by gender and race, to juvenile detention facilities and adult jails and lockups (if applicable).
5. Trend data and other social, economic, legal, and organizational conditions considered relevant to delinquency prevention programming.

The data and analyses presented in this document represent a work in progress and currently only address juvenile arrests, item 1 above. In preparation for submission of the grant program application in April 2018, BSCC research will continue to gather and analyze data to address the remaining youth crime analysis requirements, items 2 through 5 above.

### **Summary of Juvenile Arrests**

This section provides a summary of juvenile arrest trends by offense type, gender, age, and race and reference tables and figures that provide detailed arrest data within the *Juvenile Arrests* section below.

- *Total Juvenile Arrests* (all tables) – Juvenile arrests steadily increased from 2004 through 2007 when arrests reached a peak of 236,856. Juvenile arrests have since steadily decreased reaching their lowest point in 2016 with 62,743 arrests representing a 73.5 percent decrease in juvenile arrests since 2007.
- *Juvenile Arrests by Offense Type* (Table 1) – For the 62,743 juvenile arrests in 2016, 31 percent were felonies, 57 percent were misdemeanors, and 12 percent were status offenses. Felony arrests increased slightly between 2004 to 2016 from 26 percent to 31 percent. Misdemeanor arrests have remained steady from 2006 through 2016 ranging between 56 to 58 percent of arrests. Arrests for status offenses have decreased slightly from a high of 16 percent in 2006 to 12 percent in 2016.

- *Juvenile Arrests by Gender* (Table 2) – For the 62,743 juvenile arrests in 2016, 72 percent were males and 28 percent were females. Percent of arrests by gender has remained steady from 2004 through 2016.
- *Juvenile Arrests by Offense Type and Gender* (Table 3 and Table 4) – For arrests of juvenile males from 2006 through 2016, felony arrests increased slightly from 23 percent to 26 percent; misdemeanor arrests decreased slightly from 41 percent to 39 percent; and status offense arrests decreased from 10 percent to 7 percent. For arrests of juvenile females from 2006 through 2016, felony arrests have remained steady at 5 percent, misdemeanor arrests increased slightly from 16 percent to 18 percent; and status arrest have remained around 5 percent.
- *Juvenile Arrests by Age* (Table 5) – For the 62,743 juvenile arrests in 2016, 74 percent were for 15-17 year-old juveniles and 25 percent were for 12-14 year-old juveniles. Percent of arrests by age group has remained steady from 2009 through 2016.
- *Juvenile Arrests by Race/Ethnicity* (Table 6 and Figure 1) – For the 62,743 juvenile arrests in 2016, 22 percent were White, 53 percent Hispanic, 19 percent Black, and 6 percent Other. Percent of arrests have: steadily decreased for White juveniles from 29 percent of arrests in 2004 to 22 percent of arrests in 2016; increased for Hispanic juveniles from 46 percent of arrests in 2004 to 53 percent of arrests in 2016; and remained somewhat consistent for Blacks ranging from 16 to 19 percent over the years.<sup>1</sup>

## Juvenile Arrests

This section provides detailed data for juvenile arrests by offense type, gender, age, and race obtained from the California Department of Justice’s annual *Juvenile Justice in California* reports for 2004 through 2016.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Important to keep in mind the ratio of each racial/ethnic breakdown to its representative juvenile population in our State. *(Analysis/comparison to be added.)*

<sup>2</sup> California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, *Juvenile Justice in California* (2004 – 2016). Available online at <https://oag.ca.gov/cjsc/pubs#juvenileJustice> and <https://openjustice.doj.ca.gov/resources/publications>.

Table 1. *Juvenile Arrests by Offense Type for 2004 through 2016*

Year	Total Arrests	Felonies		Misdemeanors		Status Offenses	
		Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
2004	206,201	54,368	26%	123,754	60%	28,079	14%
2005	222,512	59,027	27%	133,606	60%	29,879	13%
2006	232,849	65,189	28%	131,164	56%	36,496	16%
2007	236,856	66,191	28%	134,629	57%	36,036	15%
2008	229,104	64,963	28%	130,142	57%	33,999	15%
2009	204,696	58,555	29%	115,951	57%	30,190	15%
2010	185,867	52,020	28%	106,253	57%	27,594	15%
2011	149,563	43,403	29%	84,333	56%	21,827	15%
2012	120,720	36,368	30%	67,960	56%	16,392	14%
2013	96,937	30,812	32%	54,315	56%	11,810	12%
2014	86,823	27,651	32%	48,291	56%	10,881	13%
2015	71,923	21,381	30%	41,848	58%	8,694	12%
2016	62,743	19,656	31%	35,756	57%	7,331	12%

Table 2. *Juvenile Arrests by Gender for 2004 through 2016*

Year	Total Arrests	Male		Female	
		Count	Percent of Arrests	Count	Percent of Arrests
2004	206,201	150,223	73%	55,978	27%
2005	222,512	163,663	74%	58,849	26%
2006	232,849	172,747	74%	60,102	26%
2007	236,856	175,449	74%	61,407	26%
2008	229,104	169,270	74%	59,834	26%
2009	204,696	151,274	74%	53,422	26%
2010	185,867	135,795	73%	50,072	27%
2011	149,563	107,653	72%	41,910	28%
2012	120,720	87,286	72%	33,434	28%
2013	96,937	71,008	73%	25,929	27%
2014	86,823	63,221	73%	23,602	27%
2015	71,923	51,693	72%	20,230	28%
2016	62,743	44,980	72%	17,763	28%

Table 3. Number of Juvenile Arrests by Offense Type & Gender for 2006 through 2016

Year	Total Arrests	Male			Female		
		Felonies	Misdemeanors	Status Offenses	Felonies	Misdemeanors	Status Offenses
2006	232,849	54,399	95,059	23,289	10,790	36,105	13,207
2007	236,856	54,864	97,034	23,551	11,327	37,595	12,485
2008	229,104	53,880	93,191	22,199	11,083	36,951	11,800
2009	204,696	48,693	82,537	20,044	9,862	33,414	10,146
2010	185,867	43,164	74,314	18,317	8,856	31,939	9,277
2011	149,563	35,870	57,202	14,581	7,533	27,131	7,246
2012	120,720	30,092	46,304	10,890	6,276	21,656	5,502
2013	96,937	25,757	37,546	7,887	5,237	16,769	3,923
2014	86,823	22,814	33,341	7,066	4,837	14,950	3,815
2015	71,923	17,879	28,420	5,394	3,502	13,428	3,300
2016	62,743	16,344	24,251	4,385	3,312	11,505	2,946

Table 4. Percent of Juvenile Arrests by Gender & Offense Type for 2006 through 2016

Year	Total Arrests	Male			Female		
		Felonies	Misdemeanors	Status Offenses	Felonies	Misdemeanors	Status Offenses
2006	232,849	23%	41%	10%	5%	16%	6%
2007	236,856	23%	41%	10%	5%	16%	5%
2008	229,104	24%	41%	10%	5%	16%	5%
2009	204,696	24%	40%	10%	5%	16%	5%
2010	185,867	23%	40%	10%	5%	17%	5%
2011	149,563	24%	38%	10%	5%	18%	5%
2012	120,720	25%	38%	9%	5%	18%	5%
2013	96,937	27%	39%	8%	5%	17%	4%
2014	86,823	26%	38%	8%	6%	17%	4%
2015	71,923	25%	40%	7%	5%	19%	5%
2016	62,743	26%	39%	7%	5%	18%	5%

Table 5. Juvenile Arrests by Age for 2004 through 2016

Year	Total Arrests	Age Group Under 12		Age Group 12-14		Age Group 15-17	
		Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
2004	206,201	4,474	2%	58,125	28%	143,602	70%
2005	222,512	4,667	2%	60,409	27%	157,436	71%
2006	232,849	4,701	2%	64,122	28%	164,026	70%
2007	236,856	4,393	2%	61,647	26%	170,816	72%
2008	229,104	3,647	2%	58,767	26%	166,690	73%
2009	204,696	2,883	1%	51,146	25%	150,667	74%
2010	185,867	2,462	1%	46,222	25%	137,183	74%
2011	149,563	2,032	1%	36,632	24%	110,899	74%
2012	120,720	1,912	2%	29,687	25%	89,121	74%
2013	96,937	1,394	1%	23,715	24%	71,828	74%
2014	86,823	1,181	1%	21,145	24%	64,497	74%
2015	71,923	984	1%	17,459	24%	53,480	74%
2016	62,743	804	1%	15,716	25%	46,223	74%

Table 6. Juvenile Arrests by Race/Ethnicity for 2004 through 2016

Year	Total Arrests	Whites		Hispanics		Blacks		Others	
		Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
2004	206,201	60,008	29%	95,700	46%	36,283	18%	14,210	7%
2005	222,512	61,456	28%	107,699	48%	38,395	17%	14,962	7%
2006	232,849	62,093	27%	115,520	50%	40,586	17%	14,650	6%
2007	236,856	61,357	26%	119,897	51%	40,882	17%	14,720	6%
2008	229,104	55,612	24%	121,120	53%	38,198	17%	14,174	6%
2009	204,696	48,383	24%	110,083	54%	33,676	16%	12,554	6%
2010	185,867	43,065	23%	101,811	55%	29,797	16%	11,194	6%
2011	149,563	34,349	23%	81,469	54%	24,899	17%	8,846	6%
2012	120,720	27,616	23%	65,324	54%	20,652	17%	7,128	6%
2013	96,937	21,586	22%	52,580	54%	17,050	18%	5,721	6%
2014	86,823	19,265	22%	46,862	54%	15,683	18%	5,013	6%
2015	71,923	15,929	22%	38,379	53%	13,434	19%	4,181	6%
2016	62,743	13,551	22%	33,556	53%	12,008	19%	3,628	6%

Figure 1. *Percent of Arrests by Race/Ethnicity for 2004 through 2016*

